

Remarks

Applicants respectfully request that the above amendments be entered into the application. Applicants received a Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application which was dated January 22, 2001. On June 14, 2001, applicants filed new formal drawings for all figures in response to the Notice. In order to comply with the drawing standards of 37 CFR 1.84, applicants removed the descriptive text from the drawings before filing them on June 14, 2001. In one aspect, the above amendments are requested in order to incorporate into the specification the descriptive matter which previously appeared on Figure 16.

In addition, Applicants are submitting herewith new Figures 5, 6, 7B and 8 to correct clerical errors in the drawings. For example, on Figure 5, Applicants note that element 24 should have been labeled as 34 because it is identical to the element 34 shown in Figure 8. The reference number 48 has also been removed from this figure because it is not described in the specification and is in fact the same element as reference number 46. Regarding Figure 6, reference numbers 16 and 20 have been removed from the figures because they are not specifically discussed in the text, although their structure and function are clear. Applicants have also removed reference number 32 from Figure 7B, and reference number 36 on Figure 8 for the same reasons.

Applicants hereby state that no new matter has been incorporated into the drawings or specification by these amendments.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account 19-0065.

The applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any of this amendment, or if the Examiner believes a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

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Attachments: Marked-Up Version of Specification paragraph as amended
New Figures 5, 6, 7 and 8
Marked-Up Versions of Figures 5, 6, 7 and 8.

MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDED SPECIFICATION

Page 15, beginning at line 21:

Disposed over the reservoir housing 60, and removably and threadably attached to the neck 64 of the reservoir housing 60, can be an end cap 80. The end cap 80 secures the flat disc 72 over the opening 62 in the reservoir housing 60, whereby the groove 76 located on the outer edge of the flat disc 72 engages a flange in the connecting ring 82 on the end cap 80. The flat disc 72 and the end cap 80, when engaged, will maintain a minimum gap between them to allow proper discharge of the sterile solution. The end cap 80 further comprises a thin membrane 84, which covers and seals the discharge means 70, protecting the ports 74 and contents of the reservoir from contamination or premature discharge or leakage. To expose the discharge means 70, the thin membrane 84 is removed. The membrane 84 can be removed by, for example, means of a pull tab 86, which when pulled, peels the thin membrane 84 from the end cap 80, exposing the discharge means 70. Additionally, an o-ring 78 can be used to form a seal between the reservoir neck 64 and the end cap 80.